Anti quota strikes in AIIMs

510. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of doctors in AIIMS who had gone on strike to back the anti-quota protests in May-June, 2006;

(b) whether Government had decided not to pay salary to them during the strike period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the management of AIIMS had earlier decided to make payment of strike period also and if, so the specific reasons for over ruling its decision by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Around 900 Doctors from AIIMS were on strike during May-June, 2006. The instructions of the Government based on Supreme Court's order, in such cases, are to invoke the principle of "No Work No Pay". Keeping in view the instruction and the decision taken in similar cases, it was decided that no salary should be paid to the Doctors who were on strike for the strike period. The Supreme Court, however, has recently *inter-alia,* ordered for payment of salary up to 30.05.2006.

Rail Projects of Maharashtra

511. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 3012 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th May, 2006 and state the details of the action Government have taken on the request of the Maharashtra Government for sanction of the Pachora-Jamner gauge conversion and Pune-Nasik new line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Survey for Pachora-Jamner gauge conversion was completed in the year 2000-01. As per the survey report, the cost of Pachora-